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AGENDA

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November 21-22, 2019

Alumni Legacy Lounge, Strand Union Building (SUB), MSU-Bozeman

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

Thursday, November 21

The committee will visit Bozeman Public Schools and Zoot Enterprises on Thursday morning and tour MSU infrastructure projects early Thursday afternoon. These visits and tour are limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must be confirmed by November 18. If you wish to participate in these visits, please contact Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or padmccracken@mt.gov).

- 2:00 **Call to order - roll call - review agenda - debrief morning site visits**
- 2:15 **Recruitment and Retention Initiatives and Rural Education**
- Dr. Alison Harmon, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Development, MSU
 - Dr. Ann Ewbank, Associate Professor, College of Education, MSU
 - Dr. Jayne Downey, Director, Center for Research on Rural Education, MSU
 - Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 3:15 **Break**
- 3:30 **Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery and Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM)**
- Center overview - Matt Kuntz, Executive Director
 - Kathleen Shea, LCSW - YAM trainer and veteran YAM facilitator
 - Jenna Rahn - student participant in YAM
 - Dr. Ruth Striegel Weissman - YAM researcher
 - Kelley Edwards M.S. Ed. - YAM program coordinator
 - Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion

- 4:15 **Financial literacy for students taking out student loans**
- Ron Muffick, OCHE
 - Keith Hamburg, Senior Financial Coach, MSU
 - Brian French, Director, Office for Student Success, UM
 - Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 4:45 **Veteran financial aid and support services** - Joseph Schumacher, Director of Veteran Services, MSU
- Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 5:15 **Public Comment*** on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 5:30 **Review Wednesday agenda - recess for the day**

Friday, November 22

- 8:30 - 11:30 **Convene in joint session with the Board of Regents** - Ballroom A, SUB
- Welcome and introductions
 - MUS initiative updates - resident student access; 2-year education
 - The state of research in the MUS and MREDI 2.0
 - Ongoing collaboration between Board of Regents and Legislature

The committee will visit Gallatin College for lunch, a tour, and presentations from approximately 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These visits are limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must be confirmed by November 18. If you wish to participate in this visit, please contact Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or padmccracken@mt.gov).

- 2:00 **Reconvene in Alumni Legacy Lounge** - roll call - debrief morning and Gallatin College visits
- 2:15 **Public Comment*** on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 2:30 **Wrap up - update work plan - adjourn**

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